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and deposited in some museum. They appeared to the author to be curious and valuable specimens of ancient art, and are, in all probability, connected with the mythical legends of the Cretan people, with whom the early inhabitants of Aphrodisias were closely connected.

The Rev. Dr. Todd, V. P. gave an account of a Stone with an Ogham Inscription, which was found with many others in a cave at Fortwilliam, in the county of Kerry, and sent up to the Provost and Senior Fellows of Trinity College.

After having given a short account of the different kinds of Ogham spoken of by Irish grammarians, and exhibited the key usually given for reading the particular kind of Ogham to which the inscription on the stone found at Fortwilliam belongs, Dr. Todd proceeded to show the inapplicability of this key to the interpretation of the inscription. The whole subject of the Ogham inscriptions, he stated, was one which was involved in great obscurity, and although very abundant materials exist for investigating it, it has never yet been fairly examined. Several treatises on the subject are to be found in our ancient MSS., but no Irish scholar seems as yet to have had the courage to enter upon the study of them. Numerous inscriptions on stones, similar to that now exhibited to the Academy, are also to be found, particularly in the south and west of Ireland, but accurate copies of these inscriptions are no where accessible. Dr. Todd suggested this as a suitable subject for a prize, if ever the Academy should return to the former practice of offering a prize for an essay on a given subject. In this case, however, he recommended that the prize should be offered, not for the best essay or theory for the explanation of the Ogham character, but, in the first instance, for the most accurate and best authenticated collection of copies, or *fac similes*, of the inscriptions themselves.

The following engraving gives a correct view of the stone,

which is four feet five inches high, and in its broadest part at the base four feet six and a half inches in circumference, and an exact copy of the inscription :

Mr. Griffith read a notice by Mr. Hemans, of a Dislocation in the Calp near Killester.

The President, on presenting to Dr. Kane the Cunningham Medal, awarded to him for his Researches on the Nature of Ammonia, gave an account of the progress of his discoveries.